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27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the confirmation report.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The confirmation report was adopted. Mr. Clerk, General File 2002 Senator priority bills. Mr. Clerk, first item.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 707, discussed yesterday by the Legislature. It's a bill originally introduced by Senator Beutler. (Read title.) The bill was introduced January of last year, referred to Government. Yesterday, Mr. President, the committee amendments were presented by Senator Schimek. Senator Brashear had pending, when the Legislature adjourned for the day, AM1125 as an amendment to the committee amendments, and superseding that, Mr. President, was a bracket motion by Senator Brashear to bracket the bill until April 19, 2002. That motion is currently before the Legislature.

SENATOR CUDABACK: We are now on the bracket motion. Senator Brashear, on your bracket motion.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, I'll note in passing that Senator Engel and Senator Don Pederson have indicated they had trouble hearing me yesterday back here, so I'll try to speak up. (Laughter) It was...it was just enthusiasm. I have been very up front on this bill. I've indicated to you that ultimately I seek its repeal, and I'm sincere, or, secondly, I would like to leave it in the same shape that it's in because we've all learned how to accommodate ourselves to avoid its consequences which are probably unintended but untoward and fatal. I think they debilitate and demean the process and do not achieve a desirable objective. I do intend to withdraw the bracket motion after I and others have had an opportunity to speak generally without thinking that we have to talk about the amendments, because my amendments, for instance, the first amendment, if you were to adopt it, I think it renders the operation of the bill impossible and that's why it was filed. But let's, let's back off. I think I'd like to tell some stories this morning. A long, long time ago in a far and distant city, Sidney, there once was a man. He was involved in oil, so presumptively he was...he was known to be rich, and